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12 noon news:

... A former CIA technicians asserted today that a new lie detection technique has shown that Lee Harvey Oswald was telling the truth when he denied killing President Kennedy in 1963. George O'Toole, who worked as a CIA computer specialist, said that the technique not only upheld Oswald's denial, but also has cast doubt on the truthfulness of several witnesses who appeared before the Warren Commission. He told a news conference that his use of a new kind of lie detector called the psychological stress evaluator led him to conclude that the Warren Commission erred in deciding that Oswald acted alone. One of his assertions was that some present and former members of the Dallas police force who arrested and interrogated Oswald apparently made misstatements. He also asserted that similar analysis also called into question the testimony of a key witness to the murder, Howard Brennan, who told the Warren Commission that he saw a man in a sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository building fire a shot at Kennedy. Brennan, who was originally unable to pick Oswald out of a police lineup, later identified him as the man in the window.

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6p.m. news:

... The CIA has been very much in the public eye of late, and more and more reports are surfacing about what it has been doing behind the public's back. The most recent allegations concern CIA attempts, with the aid of the Mafia, to assassinate foreign leaders.... allegations which President Ford says are outside the Rockefeller Commission's investigatory mandate and would have to be studied by an as-yet non-existent Senate committee. Russ Stettler reports:

Stettler: Washington columnist Jack Anderson today contradicted official claims that the CIA has never implemented any of its controversial plansto assassinate foreign heads of state. According to Anderson, the CIA made no less than six attempts to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro in the early 60s. Anderson specifies that two of the attempted assassinations, carried out around the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion fiasco, involved slipping poison capsules into Castro's food, while four later assassination teams were equipped with high powered rifles, explosives and two-way radios, but never got off a shot.

Anderson's additional charge that the CIA contracted with the Mafia to have Castro killed received unexpected confirmation from two former aides to the late Robert F. Kennedy, Adam Wolinsky and Peter B. Edelman [both phonetic]. They told the New York Times that Kennedy confided to them in 1967 that CIA agents had made a contract with the Mafia to hit Castro in early 1961, before the Bay of Pigs invasion. Kennedy told the aides that the played an active role in stopping the assassination attempt, and had assurances in writing that the attempt had been aborted. TIME magazine also supports Anderson's contention that the Mafia attempt may have failed but was certainly carried out. TIME reports that the CIA enlisted the hired gun help of U.S. Mafia figures in several unsuccessful attempts to kill Castro.

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In an interview published last summer, convicted Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis, alias Fiorini, who was employed by the CIA in the Bay of Pigs operation, charged that E. Howard Hunt had become the laughing stock of the Miami Cuban community for failing in a mission to assassinate Castro. But Surgis also credited Hunt with carrying out what he called some successful "disposals" for the CIA. Sturgis also reported that one of the purposes of the Watergate break-in was to find a secret memorandum from the Castro government to the Democratic platform committee, listing all the covert CIA and related operations launched against Cuba since 1965 or 66. Sturgis claims that the FBI and CIA had discovered excerpts and references to the confidential memo, which was supposed to be more than 130 typewritten pages. According to Sturgis, "the Castro government suspected the CIA did not tell the whole truth about these operations, even to American political leaders. Therefore the Cubans were providing an itemized list of all such abuses. The complaints were especially bitter about various attempts made to assassinate the Castro brothers." This is Russ Stettler, for Internews.

(announcer) There have been numerous attempts, since 1963, to reopen the case surroudning the assassination of President John Kennedy. In the most recent development, an electronic improvement on the lie detector has highlighted several inconsistencies in the Warren Commission Report and in police testimony. Paz Cohen reports [from Washington]:

Paz Cohen -- A former CIA agent today claimed voice prints show Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John Kennedy. George O'Toole said analysis of Oswald's and others' voices by a machine called a psychological stress indicator [sic] reveals Oswald told the truth when he said, "I didn't shoot anybody." Analysis of key witnesses' voices, however, showed they may have lied, and O'Toole said there are 10 instances of separate misstatements by Dallas police concerning evidence of Oswald's guilt. O'Toole said the conclusion seems inescapable that at least some of the people who framed Lee Harvey Oswald were Dallas police and, he speculated, some FBI agents were also involved. The psychological stress indicator [sic] was invente d in 1970 by two retired Army intelligence lieutenant-colonels. O'Toole said it is now in use in over 90 law enforcement agencies throughout the country,most of which he said have requested that they not be identified. The PSE, as it is known, measures stress by noting the voice's frequency variations. Normally, according to the PSE's inventors, the variations occur 8 to 14 times a second, but when the speaker is under stress these changes disappear, and what remains are the pure component frequencies of the voice and a strong indication that the speaker is lying.

O'Toole explained that stress is a necessary but not sufficient condition of lying, but the absence of stress is a significant condition of truthfulness. Lloyd Hitchcock, presented as a polygraph expert, said that unless Oswald was suffering from a psychopathological condition that made him ignorant of his own actions, the absence of stress in his voice showed he did not shoot anyone. And since Oswald's voice showed stress in other areas, Hitchcock ruled out the possibility Oswald was a pathological liar.

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According to O'Toole, the PSE can accurately assess stress factors from tape recordings. It has analyzed voice patterns in eight foreign languages, including Vietnames, and is currently said to be in use in Stockton, Calif., Camden County, N.J., ~~xFlorida,xMarylandxandxVirginiax~~ and parts of Florida, Maryland and Virginia, as well as unnamed large American cities.

O'Toole, who called the news conference this morning to announce publication of a book on his findings, said there is additional evidence of a conspiracy to frame Oswald with the John Kennedy assassination. O'Toole said the Navy pathologist who performed the autopsy on President Kennedy was uncertain his findings supported the Warren Commission on the single bullet theory, and O'Toole claimed there had been tampering with evidence in the Archives in at least one instance. His findings are summarized in the new issue of Penthouse. This is Paz Cohen, Pacifica radio, Washington.

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